

COMMENDING THE GEORGE MASON
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' AND BOYS'
SOCCER TEAMS ON WINNING THE
VIRGINIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the George Mason High School girls' and boys' soccer teams for winning their respective State 1A Soccer Championships. On June 12th at Radford University, the George Mason High School Mustangs of Falls Church valiantly defeated Radford High School 3-1 to capture their third consecutive state title. The following day, the boys' team displayed equally outstanding talent by defeating Radford 2-1 to capture their second consecutive state championship.

The girls' championship win follows a remarkable season of 18 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie. Junior midfielder Hannah Walker scored twice and sophomore forward Leah Roth had a goal and an assist. Nichole Mitchell played tough as the starting goalkeeper, only allowing one goal in the net from a penalty kick. After the final moment of the game, the George Mason players victoriously rushed the field and saluted their fans that had traveled 4 hours to watch the game.

The boys' championship game was led by Mustang seniors Nick Smirniotopoulos and Andrew Arias following a remarkable season of 19 wins, only 1 loss, and 4 ties. This is the second year in a row that the George Mason boys' soccer team has captured the state title. Smirniotopoulos, recently named to the 2010 All-Met team by the Washington Post, and Arias, each scored a goal to clinch the win. Just before halftime, junior goalkeeper Tyler Back made a remarkable save on a breakaway. Also standing as stalwarts on the defensive end were senior Natan Lailari and junior Franky Andrianarison. Like their counterparts on the girls' team, the lone goal scored against them came from a penalty shot.

I extend my congratulations to all of the athletes, coaches, and the entire George Mason High School community for their historic victories. Winning a state championship takes hundreds of hours of practice, preparation, and hard work. May your perseverance, strength, and diligence stay with you through all of your journeys in life.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE RE-
GARDING ANNIVERSARY OF DIS-
PUTED IRANIAN ELECTIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, it has been 1 year since Iran's disputed elections brought thousands into the streets to protest the regime's fierce grip on fundamental liberties. Today we pause to pay tribute to the faces of freedom that rose up in peaceful and spontaneous demonstrations across Iran only to be met with brutal violence by the thuggish

paramilitaries of the Iranian revolutionary guard.

In the days and weeks following the election, dozens of protestors were killed, hundreds were injured, others were arrested and tortured and some even died while in police custody. In the year since, Iranian authorities have cracked down on numerous other gatherings and severely curtailed the ability for Iranians to gather for national and religious holidays.

Although the 2009 election was not the first subject to serious irregularities, vote tampering and corruption, the obvious vote rigging that led some provinces to report a turnout greater than 100 percent created a tipping point.

At one point the anti-election momentum fueled a "Twitter revolution," as tech-savvy Iranian youth mobilized gatherings through texting and instant messages. It was a telling sign of the opportunity for technology to surpass censorship and galvanize a freedom movement.

The Iranian people take great pride in their nation's vibrant history as a crossroads of the world, but the dangerous policies of the current government have made them more isolated than ever.

The government's reckless management of the economy has prioritized enriching the mullahs and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, while the average Iranian faces an unemployment rate approaching 30 percent.

The regime's illegal nuclear activities and dogged support for terrorist organizations have made Iran a pariah state in the community of nations. And now, with the recent passage of strict sanctions by the U.N. Security Council, the stagnant Iranian economy only stands to deteriorate further.

While tensions remain high between the United States and Iran, this resolution is a testament to our solidarity with the Iranian people and their courage to stand up for a better future. I am proud to be a cosponsor of the measure and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

ON THE PASSAGE OF THE RESO-
LUTION CALLING FOR THE IM-
MEDIATE RELEASE OF GILAD
SHALIT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased that the House passed H. Res. 1359, a resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. It has been four long years since Gilad, then 19 years old, was kidnapped by Hamas. Hamas, in direct violation of international human rights law, has refused to allow Gilad any contact with his family, and has further refused to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross access to determine his well-being. It is a war crime for Hamas to hold Gilad hostage in order to compel the Israeli government to accede to Hamas' demands.

Madam Speaker, the time for Hamas to release Gilad Shalit is now. Right now. It is simply unconscionable for Hamas to engage in such a vicious and cruel exercise in inhu-

manity. One of both Israeli and American societies' highest and most noble ideals is to never leave a soldier behind. The passage of this resolution reaffirms the United States commitment to continue fighting for Gilad's unconditional and immediate release so that he may return to his family.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in congratulating Ron Gettelfinger upon his retirement. Ron has been a true champion for American families, a leading advocate for American workers, and a dedicated president of the United Auto Workers.

I came to Congress to work on jumpstarting our economy and I'm reassured to know that under Ron's leadership, the UAW has been a steadfast voice for protecting American jobs and the rights of the hundreds of workers in my district. Prior to coming to Congress, I served in the Illinois State Senate and was proud to represent the hard working men and women, members of UAW Local 588, who work at the Ford Stamping Plant in Chicago Heights, Illinois. I'm now proud to represent members of UAW Local 2488, who work at the Mitsubishi Plant in Bloomington, Illinois. It has been an honor to represent all of these working families.

Ron's vision that our country's success is rooted in everyday working men and women is something many of us share and we are lucky to have had such a passionate advocate for this cause over the past eight years. It is this belief that has protected and advanced the rights of the American worker during Ron's tenure as UAW President. On behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Illinois, I thank Ron for his service and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

SIR PAUL McCARTNEY,
GLADWELL'S "OUTLIERS" AND BP

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letter from my good friend Gene Jewett, who shares his thoughts on the phenomena of talent and the recent visit from Paul McCartney who received the Gershwin Award from the Library of Congress.

Dear Friends,

Recently, Sir Paul McCartney visited Washington where he exhibited his musical prowess for the politically powerful, initially at the Library of Congress and then at the White House. In the course of his performance on the first night, he revealed the process by which he had written one of his most famous tunes, one where the melody had come to him in a dream, a refrain that he was fortunate enough to recall. For days, he